

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS DENIAL OF THE RIGHT OF SECESSION.

Senator Gwin's Little "Treat" at the Orleans Hotel-Colored Men Had No Standing in Court.

Although some of the followers of Stephen A. Douglas in the campaign of 1860 identified themselves with the cause of the South, Douglas was himself a strong Unionist. While he was addressing a large meeting at Norfolk, Va., one day a slip of paper was handed to him asking certain questions. The first was "If Abraham Lincoln be elected, would the Southern States be justified in seceding from the Union?" He said to this: "I answer emphatically no!"

The election of a man to the Presidency by the American people, in conformity with the Constitution, would not justify any attempt to dissolve this glorious confederacy." The second question was "If the Southern States secede from the Union on the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln, and before he commenced an overt act against their constitutional rights, will you advise or vindicate resistance by force to their secession?" Douglas replied to this: "I answer emphatically no! It is the duty of the President of the United States and all others in authority under him, to enforce the laws passed by Congress, and the Courts construe them as they stand. I would do all in my power to aid the Government in the execution of the laws against all resistance to them, come from whatever quarter it might. In other words, I think the President of the United States should not attempt to break up the Union, by resistance to its laws, as Old Dixie tried to do in 1861."

After the Breckenridge meeting, elsewhere referred to, the Union band was brought out to serenade Senator Wm. M. Gwin at the Orleans Hotel. The venerable Senator (he was known as "Old Man Gwin" even in those days) looked down from the balcony at the group of admirers in the street below, so he concluded to go down to the bar-room and treat them to champagne. He took his champagne glass and, after a few words, he began to get alarmed and called Damon to his side. "See here, Damon," he said, "this thing is getting out of hand. I am afraid they're doing up on us." "That's so, Senator," replied Damon, "I saw one fellow pay his respects to you in the street. You see these Democratic friends of ours appreciate a good thing. They're hawking and swapping and chattering and you'll have to shut down on them and break you, sure." The Senator gave the word, and the champagne ceased to flow forth. A short time after, he was over his face the next morning when he went to settle his champagne bill.

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On the 14th of September the *Bea* office was the scene of a lively racket. W. S. Jarboe called and made an explanation concerning some criticisms of the paper on his Indian war campaign. He applied the epithet to editor James McClatchy, who resented it by striking Jarboe in the face. The latter then tried to draw a weapon, when McClatchy's brother caught him by the arm and prevented it. Jarboe's partner, Hildreth, then appeared on the scene and was ordered to leave. Jarboe charged with the paper, but afterward withdrawn.

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